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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the National Disaster Support Task Group

1. The fourth meeting of the National Disaster Support Task Group began at 1300 hours on 24 March 1970 at the USGS TK Facility, Reston, Virginia.

2. [] USGS, mentioned that USGS had received no KH-4 domestic coverage north of 43 degrees north latitude. He questioned [] and Dr. O. Guthe about the reason for this coverage being withheld. No explanation could be given; however, [] said he would look into the matter.

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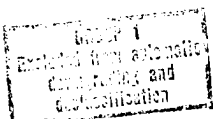
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3. [] asked if any attempt was to be made to acquire a copy of all existing domestic aerial photographic coverage for disaster data base purposes. This would be a mammoth undertaking requiring a vast indexing/storage/retrieval capability equipped to handle various film and format types/sizes. Such an undertaking would probably necessitate the establishment of a new government agency with this task as its prime function. Presently the Federal Interior Department maintains domestic coverage records of both government and commercial aerial photography. The actual imagery, however, is not received. The USGS, rather, is attempting to obtain KH-4 coverage of the entire US and maintain an indexed file of the imagery. The scale and format size of the KH-4 material lends itself to an ideal storage maintenance situation.

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4. At the suggestion of [] we separated into two working groups. One group concerned itself with identification of disaster types and the other in which I participated, with identification of the tasking channels between the civilian agencies and DOD commands. The outcome of a lengthy and serious group discussion was the suggestion that a disaster task group secretariat working

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under OEP management and an interagency agreement be responsible for the civilian agency/DOD coordination. This secretariat would work closely with OEP field representatives and be aware of all reconnaissance requests and initiated/pending action.

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worked on preparation of a statement of action necessary for the establishment of authority for the proposed secretariat. It was considered necessary that such a statement be approved by the Director of OEP and the Secretaries of the Air Force, Navy, Army and DIA.

5. At the next meeting scheduled for 31 March 1970, work is to continue along these same avenues.

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